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SUBJECT: UNCTAD: SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON PERFERENCES, JUNE 27-JULY 1

REF: WILLIAMSON/BAAS TELECON OF APRIL 22

1. AGENDA FOR UNCTAD SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON PREFERENCES MEETING, JUNE 27 - JULY 1, WILL CONTAIN FOLLOWING SUBSTANTIVE ITEMS: A) REVIEW OF THE SCHEMES OF GENERALIZED PREFERENCES OF DEVELOPED MARKET-ECONOMY COUNTRIES. A) REVIEW OF MEASURES BY THE SOCIALIST COUNTRIES OF EASTERN EUROPE. C) THE GENERALIZED SYSTEM OF PREFERENCES AND THE LEAST DEVELOPED AMONG THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES, THE LAND-LOCKED AND ISLAND DEVELOPING COUNTRIES. E) EFFECTS OF THE GENERALIZED SYSTEM OF PREFERENCES ON DEVELOPING COUNTRIES SHARING THEIR SPECIAL TARIFF ADVANTAGES AS A RESULT OF THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE SYSTEM. F) RULES OF ORIGIN. G) OTHER QUESTIONS RELATED TO THE OPERATION OF THE GENERALIZED SYSTEM OF PREFERENCES. H) TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE IN CONEXION WITH THE GENERALIZED SYSTEM OF PREFERENCES.
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COMPLETE AGENDA CONTAINED IN REPORT OF THE SEVENTH SESSION OF THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON PREFERENCES, JANUARY 5-16, 1976.

2. DOCUMENTS WILL INCLUDE, IN ADDITION TO A GENERAL REPORT, SEPARATE STUDIES ON: THE U.S., EC, AND AUSTRALIAN SCHEMES; SPECIAL PREFERENTIAL SCHEMES, INCLUDING

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THE LOME AND MAGHREB AGREEMENTS; THE MTN AND GSP, AND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE IN CONNECTION WITH GSP. THE REPLIES TO THE QUESTIONAIRES SENT TO PREFERENCE-GIVING AND -RECEIVING COUNTRIES WILL ALSO BE REPORDUCED. NONE OF THESE DOCUMENTS HAVE AS YET BEEN PRINTED.

3. UNCTAD SECRETARIAT HAS AGAIN CALLED US REGARDING THE URGENT NEED FOR US 1976 COUNTRY-BY-COUNTRY GSP TRADE DATA IN ORDER TO PREPARE DOCUMENT FOR THE JUNE MEETING. WE UNDERSTAND THAT THIS DATA IS ENROUTE TO GENEVA, BUT WOULD APPRECIATE KNOWING HOW AND WHEN IT WAS SENT. REGARDING THE PROVISION OF COMPUTER TAPES ON U.S. GSP STATESTICS AND WHETHER UN COMPUTER CENTER CAN HANDLE UNIVAC TAPES, WE UNDERSTAND COMPUTER CENTER CAN HANDLE ANYTHING IN THE UNIVAC 1100 SERIES.

4. UNCTAD SECRETARIAT HAS NOT YET DECIDED WHETHER TO NOTIFY PREFERENCE-RECEIVING COUNTRIES OF THE WORKING GROUP ON RULES OF ORIGIN'S ADOPTION OF THE NEW NOTES FOR THE BACK OF FORM A BEFORE OR AFTER THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON PREFERENCES TAKES NOTE OF THEIR ADOPTION. WHEN SECRETARIAT DOES ISSUE NOTIFICATION, IT WILL MAKE CLEAR THAT COUNTRIES THAT ARE CONTINUING TO USE OLD STOCKS OF FORM A WILL STILL HAVE TO ATTACH THE ADDENDUM REQUIRED BY THE U.S. WHEN THEY USE THE OLD FORM FOR SHIPMENTS TO US. SORENSON

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